GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MID- DAY- MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the name of States where from complaints have been received regarding Mid-Day-Meal Schemes being run with the assistance of State and Central Govern- ment during each of the last three years and thereafter;

(b) whether the Government has investigated the role of NGOs reported to have been supplying substandard food to children;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government is starting to provide funds to such States under these schemes;

(e) if so, the amount estimated to be spent by Government on each child under these schemes; and

(f) whether the funds allocated for the current year have been released to all States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI):

(a) Specific instances of un-satisfactory implementation in some places/ schools of the following States came to this Ministry`s notice from 2001-02 onwards:

2001-02 : Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra

2003-04 : Delhi and Gujarat

2004-05 : Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana. Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal & Delhi

(b) and (c) Responsibility to NGOs in connection with the Mid-Day Meal scheme is assigned by State Governments, and any complaints relating to such NGOs are also deait with by the State Government concerned.

(d) to (f) Foodgrains under the Mid-Day Meal scheme have been allocated to all States. In addition, under the, revised scheme, Central assistance @ Re. 1 per child per school day is being provided to meet cooking cost also. Additional Central Assistance to meet cooking cost has been released to 22 States so far.